der of visitations for 1889, Bishop Potter sent the following reply:

The Order of Visitations in the Diocese of New York is arranged in accordance with the provisions of canon law, and the order for 180 conforms to that law." The canon reguires that the Bishop shall visit each church at least once in three years, and most churches he visits every year.

This is not the first time the Bishou has emitted to visit St. Ignatius's, and the reason why the church is not on the Bishop's list this year is the same as that he has held to be good and sufficient in other years-the ritualistic practices in that church. The trouble between the Bishop and St. Stephen's Church is stan entirely different character. The Bishop will not talk about it, and neither will the rector, the Rev. Charles Russell Treat, and all the public has ever known about the trouble has been a statement which ran something like this

"St. Stephen's Church moved from West Forty-sixth to West Sixty-ninth street, just east of the Boulevard, against the consent of the Bishop, who held that there were enough Episcopal churches in that neighborhood before St. Stephen's moved there."

The wardens and vestrymen of the church. however, made up their minds not long ago that if the Bishop did not include St. Stephen's in the Order of Visitation for the coming year, they would make public their side of the controversy. When they found last week the controversy. When they found last week that the church was still under the Bishop's displeasure, officers of the church, through one of their vestrymen informed the rector that they were going to make public the whole story. The rector disapproved, holding that nothing would be gained. But on leaving the rector the vestryman sent for a reporter of THE SUN, to whom he made the following statement:

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"About six years ago Bishop Potter ordered that St. Stephen's Church, then in Forty-sixth street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, be sonsolidated with Holy Trinity church in Hariagn. Holy Trinity had a debt and no endowment. The vestry of both churches approved the order. The congregation of Holy frinity naturally approved of the action of its vestry. The congregation of St. Stephen's heartly disapproved of the action of its vestry, and so strongly was the disapproval expressed that the vestry resigned. A new vestry was chosen, and it appealed to the courts to have the Bishop's order annulled. The vestry was successful in the contest, which cost the church \$50,000. After that the Bishop didn't like the church as well as he had liked it.

"Three years ago the rector, vestry and congregation of St. Stephen's felt that a new church edifice further uptown should be secured. The old church building was most unstractive. Persons would come to the services intermittentity, because they liked Mr. Treat and they liked the music, of which St. Stephen's has always made a feature. In the immediate neighborhood of the old church were many handsome and more attractive edifices of the same denomination, and some that were richer. The plan was broached to the Bishop. He linally told us to so ahead and see what we could do.

"We found that the late Dr. Houghton of the Church of the Transfiguration wanted to dispose of the building and real estate of the chapel of his church, which he had established in West Sixty-ninth street, just east of the houlevard. It had only been by the greatest effort that the chapel had been kept going, and a larke part of the money necessary for its maintenance had been furnished by Dr. Houghton from month, to month to conduct the services. Dr. Houghton oftend us the property for \$85,000. One of our vestrymen when the old property was disposed of.

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"According to the law of the Episcopal Church, when a congregation wants to change its location the consent of the Bishop and the Standing Committee of the diocese must be secured as well as the consent of the rectors and vestries of the three churches nearest to the proposed site of the new church. We sequred the consent of the Bishop in writing just before he went on one of his trips to Europe. We sought the consent of the Standing Committee, showing, at the time the application was made, the Bishop's letter. The Standing Committee asked to have the Bishop's approval worded a little differently and the Standing Committee worded that the reply received from the Bishop was satisfactory to the committee and that, at its next meeting, it would give its consent to the change. The nearest Episcopal churches to the chapel of the Church of the Transfiguration wore All Angels, Zion and St. Timothy's. As Christ's Church had been established in that locality after the establishment of the chapel of the Transfiguration wore All the triusal to accede to jour request deter as from the move we contemplated so long as the Bishop had approved in writing and we were sure of securing the consent of the Standing and the Bishop had approved in writing and we were sure of securing the consent of the Standing Committee.

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per month asked permission of Mr. Treat to exclinue holding services there until we were ready to put in the workmen to make the alterations. Mr. Treat consented, but when he asked Mr. Rich to vacate some time after that lich refused for a while to give up the keys. He finally did so, however, and then hired a hall in Amsterdam avenue near Sixty-ninth street. I believe, in which he conducted services for a while. When Bishop Potter heard of this he promptly recognized Rich as the rector of the chapel of the Church of the Transfauration, although he had never had any feating as such, was not so recognized by Dr. Houghton, and although we had bought the only recognized shapel of the Church of the Transfauration.

The repairs and alterations were made in the only finding, the old St. Steinen's had been rented to the Church of the Divine Paternity, sending the completion of its new edifice, and we prepared to hold the first service in the nex church carries on the Saturday before the Sunday on which we were to hold the first service to hear that Bishop Potter had sent a latter to Mr. Treat stating in substance that, along the only in the only first hought about the matter for some sime, he had concluded that it would be best for St. Steinen's Church not to move uptown, lie advised that we get back our money from Dr. Houghton, cancel our lease with the Church of the Divine Paternity and retain the old building.

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These are the facts in the case of Bishop Poter sgainst M. Stephen's Church, and besure of them I do not suppose the Bishop will the church oftener than he is required to be canon inw."

A BRAVE LITTLE CONGREGATION.

The French Presbyterian Church Celebrates Its Half Century of Existen

It was fête day yesterday at the little French Presbyterian Church on Sixteenth street near Sixth avenue. Even the janitor was so full of happiness before the morning service that he could only express it by standing on the church steps to greet each approaching member of the congregation with "Bon jour, bon jour," and a hearty handshake. Within the ushers showed the people to their seats with smiles befitting a wedding day. The Rev. Henry L. Grandlienard, who has been pastor of the church through more than half of its history, looked at the scene with a kind of solemn glad ness and the whole congregation volced its feeling in the "Chant de Victoire" which opened the service. It was the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the church. "Many times during the last half century," one of the members said, "it has seemed as if the church nust so under. But in spite of having no fixed home, a floating congregation and few members rich enough to contribute materially to its support, the little church held its own

members rich enough to contribute materially to its support, the little church held its own until our present pastor same to put new life into it and a new enthusiasm in the members which has resulted in our having our own home for the first time.

"You sak me what people we reach. I hardly need answer it, when I remind you how many French people there are in the city, and tell you that there is no other Presbyterian church here and only one other at all, an Episcopal church, where French speaking people can go on Sunday and hear service and sermon in their own tongue. Look at the congregation and you can judge of the wide class of people we reach."

Certainly extremes met there. At the close of the doxology a pretty girl, dressed according to the latest dictates of Isahion, turned to speak eagerly to a shabby, kindly-faced old woman who apparently had not changed the fashions of her garments since she left France. Little children were there chattering gilbly in French. A few men in fiannel shirts were sprinkled about and working girls were made to feefentirely at home. Although the church has only a few hundred members it has done extensive charitable work. The French branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, which now has very attractive rooms at 112 West Twenty-first street, was started in the church ten years ago. A branch of the Society of Christian Endeavor is a recent organization. A singing class and a sewing school are also among the activities of the church, but one of the most unique and benevolent institutions belonging to it is a home at 341 West Thirty-fourth street for French-speaking young women out of employment.

At the services yesterday morning the pastor preached as usual. M. Hourle, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, gave a history of the church at the close of the sermon. In the evening a service of thanksgiving was held. On Wednesday evening there will be a "Fête Familière." at which some of the oddest members will deliver addresses, among them J. E. Robert, the Swiss Vice-Con

WOULD ABOLISH PEW RENTS.

lew Financial Plan to Be Presented to the Park Reformed Church.

The Rev. John Francis Morgan, pastor of the Park Reformed Church in Jersey City, and financial scheme for the support of the church which will be submitted to the congregation at a special meeting on Wednesday night. The new scheme contemplates weekly contributions and the abolition of pew renting. A circular has been issued, giving the plan in detail. It says in part: "This plan is intended to cover the entire budget of church expenses, including benevolent offerings for denominational boards. We base our plan on the direction of the Scriptures that every one ought to lay aside on the 'first day of the week as God hath prospered him' an offering for the support of the Gospel at home and abroad.

God hath prospered him' an offering for the support of the Gospel at home and abroad. The Board of Fibance, consisting of five members of the consistory, shall be the committee having this matter in charge, furnishing subscription cards, envelopes and printed information to all members and other supporters, notifying delinquents and reporting monthly, through the official channel, our exact financial condition."

The committee will prepare a budget of the expenses for the year, basing the figures on the expenses for the year, and the total will be divided by fifty-two in order to approximate the probable weekly expense.

The circular continues: "If all do their duty cheerfully, as we fully expect, and the amount required per week is raised, all the other financial plans now in operation will, be dropped. No special collections will be taken except for some unforescent contingency and then only by vote of the consistory and a clear explanation to the people. The plate offerings from evening services and from those not regular contributors will be used for contingencies as consistory may direct.

"This plan further involves the abolishing of pew renting. Those who now hold pews will remain where they are, and others who become contributors may, on request of the Pew Committee, have pews or sittings assigned. The pews and sittings will be reserved by the ushers until five minutes after the regular hour of service, when they will be considered free to all comers. We prefer to assign pews to all regular subscribing attendants, but in no case must the subscription be considered as rental, but only as a convenience and to preserve the home feeling in the house of God.

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THIRF KNEW THE FAMILY.

George C. Schleeper Loses His New Overcoat Through a Forged Letter.

George C. Schleeper, a clerk, lives at 254 West 133d street with his wife, Minnie, and their two children. Bobert and May. He was away from the house on Saturday night and at 9 o'clock a small boy rang the bell and handed to Mrs. Schleeper the following note:

"DEAR MINNIE: Please send by bearer my new overcoat. I will not be home until late, so kiss Bobble and May good-night for me and put them to bed. Don't wait up for me. Lovingly. GEORGE."

Mrs. Schleeper gave the new overcoat, which had cost \$55, to the boy, telling him to be careful, as the coat had never been worn. Schleeper came home at midnight, but his wife was asleep and said nothing about the coat. Yesterday morning Schleeper told his wife he guessed he would put on his new coat and take a walk. "By the way," said Mrs. Schleeper, "what made you send for that coat last night?" "I didn't," replied Schleeper. "Why, yes, you did," insisted Mrs. Schleeper. "A boy came with your note, and I gave it to him."

him."
Schleeper ran to the closet, and when he found the coat was gone he danced a Highland fling about the room. Then he reported the theft to Acting Captain Norton of the West 125th street station. The note was a clever imitation of Schleeper's handwriting, and the forger evidently knew Schleeper's family. Last night Mrs. Schleeper had the doors barred and bolted and the chains up, and refused admittance to all callers.

THREATENED TO KILL A POLICEMAN. Marinthal Had a Revolver, but Was Over-

powered Before He Could Fire. "Theodore Marinthal, 31 years old, a salesman of 119 West Twenty-sixth street, and Della Morgan of the same address quarrelled resterday because she demanded some jewelry which she had loaned to him. He threatened so shoot her, and she ran to the street and told

to shoot her, and she ran to the street and told Policeman Heyer. In the woman's room he found Marinthal brandishing a pistol.

"Don't come in here, damn you," shouted Marinthal, "or I'll kill you."

"You don't want to kill me," said Heyer, who was without his nightstick or revolver, as he was on his way home to supper, "because I have a wife and three children."

Heyer talked to Marinthal until he was quite close to him, and then he jumped on him and slipped the handcuffs over his wrists. As he was taking him downstairs they passed the Morgan woman, and Marinthal kicked her, knocking her down stairs. At the Tenderloin station he was locked up on the double charge of assault and carrying firearms without a permit.

Labor Union Men and the Gas Tank Col-

At the meeting of the Central Labor Union resterday Delegate Barry of the Actors' Protective Association asked that a committee be appointed to investigate the collapse of the appointed to investigate the collapse of the Consolidated Gas Company's big tank at Twenty-first street and Avenue A last Tuesday, Not a union man had been employed on the work of constructing the tank, he said. Delegate Henry of the wood carvers thought that such a committee could do better work by attending the Coroner's inquest. His suggestion was adopted, and the committee was appointed.

\$50,000 Gift to a Hospital.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 .- Mrs. Anna B. Averill has given to the Presbyterian Hospital as a memorial of her husband \$50,000 for the endowment of a new ward to contain ten free beds. The Roard of Managers of the hospital has accepted the gift. The endowed ward will be known as the Albert J. Avertil ward. ABBOTT TO THE YOUNG MEN

THEY GIVE UP THEIR EFFORT TO KEEP HIM IN PLYMOUTH CHURCH.

The Advisory Committee's Report Recommending the Acceptance of the Doctor's Besignation Adopted—"Only the Best"

to Be Asked to the Vacant Pulpit. A meeting of the members of Plymouth Church was held vesterday after morning services to take definite action on the report of the Advisory Committee, which was submitted to the congregation last Sunday. The report advised that the Rev Dr Abbott should be relieved of all executive and administrative labor in the church after Jan. 1; that his resignation should be accepted; that it should take effect on May 1, and that, meanwhile, the church members should pledge themselves to search for a worthy successor of the Doctor

The younger element in the church tried last

week to persuade Dr. Abbott to continue his ministry in Plymouth. Their efforts were looked upon with open disfavor by some of the older members. The action of the young men was regarded as a slight upon the good judgment of the gentlemen of the Advisory Committee, who, after laboring with Dr. Abbott, decided that his resignation must be accepted Mr. Robert Van Iderstine, Chairman of the Young Men's Committee, made a report on behalf of that committee immediately after the meeting was opened yesterday. He said that Dr. Abbott had been waited upon during the week by a representation of young men, among whom were Mesers. Henry Ward Beecher Howard, Edward E. Hale, Darwin J. Meserole and Truman T. Temple. They had made their call in the belief that too little pressure had been brought to bear on Dr. Abbott and that the older members had yielded too readily. Mr. Van Iderstine recounted the efforts made by the young men and then said:

"The results of our efforts in the past week have convinced us of the futility of any further action in this direction, and we therefore wish to withdraw all opposition to the Advisory Committee." This letter, addressed by Dr. Abbott to the young men, was then read:

Mr. Robert Van Iderstine, Chairman a Committee o "MY DEAR MR. VAN IDERSTINE: In acknowl-

edging and answering the resolutions presented by your committee to me yesterday I want, first, to thank the young men, through you, for this expression of their confidence The action of young men of the church ten years ago was one of the important considerations which led me to accept the call to Plymouth Church. Their loyal support has been one of the greatest inspirations to me in my ministry, and my inability to become better acquainted with them individually has been a matter of sincers regret. I have looked for-ward with some solicitude to ascertain whather those who have come into the church or its active service during my pastorate would show the same power of faithful enthusiasm for Christ and His Church in the hour of my withdrawal that those who came into the church under Dr. Beecher's ministry manicouren under Dr. Beecher's ministry manifested in the great shock caused by his sudden death. Your action leaves me no doubt upon this point. The members of Plymouth Church, young and old, will go ferward into the work of the coming years with the same spirit of consecration which has inspired them in the past.

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"The suggestion that I might relinquish the executive and pastoral duties and devote myself simply to preaching once on the Sabbath day would have had a great temptation to me had I not carefully considered that possibility two or three years ago. I was convinced then, and further consideration has only deepened the conviction, that such a plan would be injurious to the church, since our church needs not less, but more, personal and pastoral work, and more direct executive leadership than I have been able to give to it. He who, by his Sabbath ministry, inspires its spiritual energies, must be familiar with its work, share its burdens, and guide it in its plans and purposes. It will be impossible for me, because whatever success I have had in life has been largely due to the fact that I have always thrown my entire energies into any work which I have undertaken. The good shepherd giveth his life to the sheep. It is not possible for any pastor to be spiritually efficient who does not give his life to be people. I am confident that our church—for you will not forget that I shall continue to be a member of Plymouth Church, though I cease to be its pastor—our church, possessing the spirit alike interpreted by the action of the church and of the young men, will, under the guidance of a pastor whom God will give to it, do a better work and be richer in good works in the future than in the past.

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work and be richer in good works in the future than in the past.

"May the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shep-herd of the sheep, through the blood of the ever-lasting covenant, making perfect in every good work to do His will, work in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.
"With affection and esteem, which neither years nor separation can abate, for you and

"With affection and esteem, which neither years nor separation can abate, for you and those whom you represent, believe me, your sincere friend and pastor. Lyman Abbott."

After the reading of the letter Dr. Edward E. Cady said that he had taken the liberty of going one step further than the young men's committee, and had consulted Dr. Henry Conklin, Dr. Abbott's physician, and that the result of that consultation had been a thorough understanding between them. He could not divuige the details of the consultation, which was granted through professional courtesy, but he was assured that Dr. Abbott's condition had not been exaggerated, and he was now inclined to think, with Dr. Conklin, that Plymouth Church would act justly and in the kindest spirit toward Dr. Abbott, not by asking him to continue his ministration until spring, but by releasing him from all duties immediately.

Mr. Frederic W. Hinrichs said that while he was loyal to Dr. Abbott he was also loyal to the church, and was for going forward, confident that if a successor had been found for Mr. Beecher they might hope to find a successor for Dr. Abbott.

Thomas G. Shearman said that the Advisory Committee and Board of Trustees had received already the backing of so many influential pewholders that the church was ready to go ahead and ask only the best to fill the vacancy left by Dr. Abbott. It was the determination of the church to keep Plymouth pulpit a power, not only local but national, as it always had been. To accomplish that they were financially ready and willing. The work of looking for and selecting a new pastor would therefore begin at once.

The resolutions recommended by the Advisory Committee were again read and adopted almost unanimously. The meeting of the members was then adjourned and resolved itself into a meeting of the church society, which also adopted the resolutions.

DR. HALL'S PULPIT STILL EMPTY. Conflict in the Congregation Over the Choice of a Successor.

There was a very large attendance at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church vesterday, the members of the congregation expecting the Church Session to give out a pastoral letter in reference to the death of the Rev. Dr. John Hall and the choice of his successor. The Rev. Dr. Robert Russell Booth announced for the Session that a pastoral letter treating of the present emergency confronting the church

would be issued in a few days.

A member of the Session explained afterward that the emergency referred to was the choice of Dr. Hall's successor. There is a conflict of opinion among the members of the congregation as to what clergyman shall be called to fill the vacancy. A committee made up of three members each from the Session the Board of Trustees and the congregation

up of three members each from the Session, the Board of Trustees and the congregation was appointed some time age to recommend a pastor, but this committee has been unable to agree. The pastoral letter will exhort the congregation to remain united durins this trying period and to meet the emergency with patience, concession and harmony.

A member of the congregation said yesterday that the conflict over the choice of a pastor had an unpleasant effect in other church work. He mentioned the fact that on Thanksgiving Day the collection for the boor of the church amounted to only \$82.

"The collection taken up on Sunday, Dec. 4, for the Assembly's Board of Home Missions, he added. "amounted to only \$1,500. That was such a failing off that the Rev. Dr. Booth referred to the matter from the pulpit inst Sunday. He told the congregation that the Home Missions was a work in which the late Dr. Hall had been especially interested and it was a matter of regist that the contribution should have failen off so from previous years. The amount was less than half of what had been collected the year before.

"There is a lack of harmony in the church. I think most of it had its origin in the trouble about the converted Jew. Warszawiak. The discord will not down."

When one of the members of the committee annothed to select a pastor was asked verterday if the committee would soon complete its lahors, he said he could not tell.

"We are making progress." he added, "but have not yet agreed upon a candidate. I cannot tell when we will. I am not at liberty to say what progress we have made."

SCHOOL BOARD TIMBER A-PLENTY.

C. L. U. Offers to Furnish the Mayor

The Central Labor Union decided yesterday to submit to Mayor Van Wyck a list containing the names of twelve delegates, each of whom it considers eligible for the place of School Commissioner. His Honor, who has found it so difficult to secure men to act as School Commissioners that he talks of advertising for candidates, will be informed by the C. L. U. that he can have the privilege of selecting from the list enough men to fill any or all of the vacancies in the board. This action was the result of a discussion on the present school system prompted by an unfavorable criticism in the newspapers of the New York schools as compared with the Missouri schools. James P. Archibald, delegate of the paper hangers, who introduced the subject.

"It is humiliating to the people of this great city to know that the Mayor cannot find competent School Commissioners. I do not want to criticise the Mayor, for the svils of the system at present have been left to him as a legacy by other administrations. The scachers cannot get their salaries this month, and owing to this and similar irregularities there are 300 vacancies for teachers and no one seems in a hurry to fill them, though there are plenty of graduates from the Normal College who are competent for the places. What the Board of Education wants is some new blood. There are many members of the Central Labor Union who would be excellent School Commissioners. The public schools are used principally for the children of the working people. The children of the wealthy have private tutors. Ex-Secretary Farrell of the C. L. U. Secretary Henry, Delegates Pallas, Barr and Henry and many others I can name would be ornaments to the School Board."

A round of applause interrupted the speaker here. petent School Commissioners. I do not want

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"I may mention," said Archibald, "that there
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is no political significance in this, for there is no salary attached to the office of School Commissioner."

Archibaid suggested that the Secretary should with as little delay as possible give the Mayor the names of at teast a dozen delegates, from among whom he could choose as many Commissioners as he liked,

"If we send a list of names," said Delegate Perrine of the Iron Molders' Union, "there should be no bachelors on it. They know nothing of the needs of children."

It was finally resolved that the following names be sent: John J. Pallas, Corresponding Secretary Central Labor Union; John S. Henry, Recording Secretary Central Labor Union; John S. Henry, Recording Secretary; W. A. Perrine, delegate of the Paper Hangers; Edward Thimme, delegate of the Druggists' League; Matthew Barr, delegate of the Tin and Sheet Iron Workers; Eugene A. Johnson, delegate of the Manhattan Musical Union; Edward F. Farrell, delegate of the Concord Labor Club; Henry, Richards, delegate of the Wood Carvers' Union; James W. Armstrong, delegate of the Electrical Workers' Union; Gustave Schwabe, delegate of the Cornice and Skylight Makars' Union, and Thomas P. De Greef, delegate of the New York City Carpenters' Union.

MARY ELLEN HALL'S CAMPAIGN. Colored Organizer Tackles a Woman of

Her Own Race-Both Arrested. Mrs. Mary Ellen Hall once proved to Caleb simms, the leader of the negro Republican voters of the Tenderloin, that she had a militant spirit by taking away the majority of them from his organization and forming one of her own. Yesterday she showed that she could fight other than political battles, and both she and her adversary were arrested and locked up in the Tenderloin police station. Mrs. Hall at present lives at 122 West Thirty-

first street. She is anxious to change her residence, and yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock called at 140 West Twenty-seventh street to ook at some rooms. Dulcie Dalton, a negress. is caretaker there, and it was she who showed he apartments to Mrs. Hall. In the latter's judgment the rent asked was too high, and she employed oratory to secure a reduction of the price. Mrs. Dalton jumped into her apartments and slammed the door in Mrs. Hall's face.

Mrs. Hall found a spade leaning against the wall, and, it is alleged, attacked the door with it. Two panels were knocked out, and Mrs. Dalton was wounded in the hand. She seized a club, and, opening the door, banged Mrs. Hall over the head with the stick, knocking Mrs. Hall down a flight of stairs. Mrs. Hall started up the stairs again, but Mrs. Dalton was standing at the top with ubilited club and Mrs. Hall retreated to the street and halled Policeman Jones, demanding that he arrest Mrs. Dalton. Jones did so, and Mrs. Hall went to the station as complainant.

Both women talked at once to the bewildered Sergeant, who finally decided to lock both of them up. Both got bail in a few hours. judgment the rent asked was too high, and she

Caisson Workers Get Little Sympathy from

the Central Body. The delegate of the Caisson Workers' Union, members of which are on strike at the Willis avenue bridge, asked the Central Labor Union yesterday to order the granite cutters and strike in sympathy. After the strike had been in progress for more than a week the contractor employed negroes from Kentucky instead of the strikers, but not before he had no-

stead of the strikers, but not before he had notified the latter that he would take such a step
if the strike was not settled.

Delegate Daly reported on behalf of a committee appointed to see the city officials regarding the employment of the negroes. He
said that none of the city officials knew of any
law prohibiting the employment of the negroes
if they were citizens, but Bridge Commissioner
Shea had promised to tak to the contractor
about the matter and let Daly know the result
later. Daly said that as far as he could learn the
caisson workers were to blame in striking
without giving proper notice in writing to the
employer of their grievances.

The delegate of the caisson workers was told
that, although the C. L. U. might indorse a
strike, it had no power to order one.

FIVE MASONS ACCUSED.

Written Secrets of the Fraternity Picked Up in the Street in Binghamton

BINGHAMTON, Dec. 18.-A scrap of typewritten paper found lying on the sidewalk has caused a decided sensation in the Masonic fraternity. The finder was a prominent Mason. and recognized the paper as written secrets of a Masonic degree, the revelation of which was the violation of a most solemn oath. The paper was sent to the Grand Master of the State, who ordered a thorough investigation, the reordered a thorough investigation, the re-suit of which was that five prominent Mascons one of whom was a candidate for Master of Osinings Lodge, were accused. Deputy Grand Master Walter Hand visited the lodge and an-nounced that he had been authorized to with-draw the charter and expel the members im-plicated, but thinking it more a mistake than an intentional error, he would investigate fur-ther before taking radical measures.

STABBED BY FOOTPADS.

Eveson Fought Off Five Men, but Was Wounded in the Encounter.

Edward Eveson, a freight brakeman on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, was held up on Frelinghuysen avenue, near the Lehigh Valley Bridge in Newark, yesterday afternoon by five young men, one of whom was in soldier's garb. They demanded his money and tried to take a bundle of clothing from him. Eveson is a stout young fellow and fought them off, but at the cost of a severe stab wound in the thigh. He reported the affair to the Newark police, but no arrests were made.

MARY MAY HAVE MARRIED. Only 16 Years Old, but She Had Two Men

Courting Her-Gone Since Friday. Mary Froeck, the 16-year-old daughter of Christopher Froeck, a salesman, of 964 Myrtie avenue, Williamsburg, has been missing from nome since Friday morning. She kept company with the 22-year-old son of a saloon keeper of Meserole and Leonard streets. Her mother was told yesterday by Mrs. Mary Berg-man of 17 Helvidere street that Mary had told her last week that a widower. 35 years old, who lives in Graham avenue, was courting her, and that she expected to marry him before Christ-mas.

Central Labor Bodies to Unite. The committee appointed by the Central La-

bor Union to confer with a similar committee of the Central Labor Federation, with a view to amalgamating the two bodies, made its final report to the Central Labor Union yesterday, report to the Central Labor Union yesterday. Both committees recommended an amagation on the present basis of representation, in the hope that all differences between rival unions in the same trade might thus be settled.

A joint meeting of the C. L. U. and C. L. F. will be held on Jan. 15, 1896, in Schueller's Hall. 231 East Thirty-third street.

Delegate Barr, on behalf of the C. L. U. trustees, reported that they had cagaged Schueller's Hall as the future meeting place of the C. L. U.

SAINT'S RELIC INSTALLED.

FAITH IS FITAL IN THIS GERMAN CONGREGATION. Bone of the Forenrm of St. An thony of Padua Enshrined in a Specia

Chapel, and to Be Exposed on Tuesday — High Is the Hope of the Afflicted Bareheaded people stood out on the sidewalk n East 113th street, between Second and Third avenues, yesterday afternoon, because they were unable to get into the Church of Our Lady Queen of Angels, where a relic of St. Anthony of Padua was exposed for veneration. The relic is a very small bit of the bonof the forearm, about the length and breadth of a little finger nail, and was obtained by the Capuchin Friars of the church in East 113th street, after many petitions, from the Very Reverend Superior of the Basilica in Padua It was received on Saturday and was placed yesterday in its glass case on the altar of the special enapel of St. Anthony, on the left

of the church, with appropriate ceremonies. Three o'clock was the time set for the spe cial service, and before that hour the church was packed to the doors. At the head of a solemn procession the relic was borne to its place on the new alter of St. Anthony of Padua. Father Bonaventure Frey treached a sermon in German and the Rev. Dr. Wall of the Church of the Holy Rosary spoke in English. He recounted the virtues of St. Anthony and exhorted his hearers to take the saint for their example in life. At the close of the service the people pressed forward in line to look at the relic and kiss the case in which it is kept. Afterward the devout German women stood about in little groups talking eagerly of the church's new treasure and hoping, each one,

Afterward the devout German women stood about in little groups talking eagerly of the church's new treasure and hooling, each one, for aid from it in some tribulation. For St. Anthony of Padua, is famed not only for the healing of diseases, but for the lightening of all the life of life.

"My man is in the drink now every day, almost," said a sad-eyed member of one of the little groups. "I come to beg the blessed saint to make him a good husband again and keep him away from the saloon."

"Plenty more wonderful things than that he has done," said a large, motherly looking woman encouragingly. "I brought my little Joe with me to-day, but the crowd was so big I was afraid his poor lame leg would get hurt, so I took him home and came back. Tuesday he and I will come and make our prayers together for the leg to get well."

"I wonder," put in a thin little woman. "would the saint help my Fred to a job. He's a good workman, but he can't get no work."

"Of course the saint could help him," said the large woman earnestiv. "Try him and see. I knew a man who was out of work is friend of my husband's, and he went and made a novena and promised a mass to St. Anthony, and next week he got a job, a good job, too."

"And before the novena was through?" asked Fred's wife.

"Yes, and that ain't all, For business got slack pretty soon, so that they laid off hands. This man thought he'd get laid off quick, because he was the last man took on. He told my husband, and my husband told him to promise another mass, and su'reenough he was kept on, and in a month was made foreman."

"Bessed be the name of the saint!" said Fred's wife reverently, and the others all said. "Amen."

"Was that here in the city, Mrs. Brock?" asked a young girl.

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"And you will get it back," averred an old German dame who was half paralyzed and had come to pray the saint's intervention to stay the final stroke until the summer, when her son is to come over from Germany. "In the old country I knew a farmer and his wife. They had come in from the country with all the money from selling their crops and on the way to church they lost it. There was a great hunt, and the town crier rang his bell and called on the people, telling them of Boertner's loss. But the purse with all the money was gone, and there was no trace. Boertner was a plous man, and he had a mass said and that rery night an honest butcher picked his purse from a hole in the wooden sidewalk and gave it to him. And this I know to be true, for Boertner was an honest man, and the butcher had served our house for many years."

One account of wonders followed another, and the little conference broke up with expressions of hope and faith. Hereafter the relic will be exposed for veneration on Tuesdays, in the morning at 8 o'clock and in the evening at 7:30, that being the special day of St. Anthony of Padua.

EX-CAPT. MOUNT DEAD AT 77. other union men at work on the bridge to | He Leaves Twenty-one Descendants-Long

Service in the Police. John J. Mount, a retired police Captain, 77 years old, died of heart disease yesterday afternoon in a hotel at 755 Third avenue. He had just left his home, 201 East Fifty-first street where he lived with two of his grandchildren and was going to the hotel with George W. Resenberg. Before reaching the hotel Capt. Mount became ill, and, throwing his arms about Resenberg's neck, exclaimed: "Save me!" Resenberg assisted the old man to reach the hotel and then sent for a doctor, but Capt. Mount died almost at once.
Capt. Mount was born in this city and was a graduate of Public School 7. He learned the boatbuilders' trade, and worked in the ship-yards until 1850, when he joined the Municipal Police Department.

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Capt. Mount's first wife died thirty-six years ago, and his second wife in 1896. A daughter, eight grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren survive him.

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The Rev. W. H. Platt, D. D., one of the best known Episcopal ministers in Virginia, died at his home in Petersburg, in that State, yesterday. He was a native of New York. He practiced law in Mobile, Ala., for several years and subsequently went into the ministry. He went from Seima, Ala., to Petersburg about the year 1855, to fill the rectorship of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He was rector of that church for ten years. From Petersburg he went to Louisville, Ky., to become rector of an Episcopal church in that city. From there he went to San Francisco, Cal., and was for some years rector of Grace Episcopal Church in that place. He next went to Rochester, N. Y., and was for some time rector of an Episcopal church there. From Rochester he went back to Petersburg. He was 78 years old and a veteran of the Mexican war. He was a widower and had been married three times. Among his children is Mr. E. C. Platt of Brooklyn, N. Y., Secretary of the Mackay-Bennett Cable Company.

Theodore M. Barnes died at 10 o'clock last night at his residence at 755 Madison avenue. He had been a sufferer from Bright's disease and heart trouble for the past three years, and when he was stricken with pneumonia on Friday last his constitution was not strong enough to resist it. He was a member of the firm of Barnes & Merritt, leather dealers, Frankin street, and a large stockholder in the Leather Trust. Mr. Merritt died three years ago. Mr. Barnes was a member of the Hide and Leather Club and the Union League Club. He attended St. Bartholomew's Church. His wife survives him.

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Edward H. C. Hooper died suddenly yesterday from heart failure at the home of his son, William P. Hooper, the artist, at 59 Fifth avenue. He was 81 years old, and was born at Biddeford, Me. He was the last of seven children. In the war of the rebellion he enlisted as a paymaster, He rose to be Lieutenant-Colonel, and a commission in the regular army was offered him, but was declined. After the war he was agent for all New England for several insurance companies, and later was an Indian agent in Dakota. He was a member of John Hamcock Post, G. A. R., of this city. He leaves a widow.

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Charles Hughes, senior member of the contracting firm of Hughes Brothers. Banges & Gaynor of Hyracuse. dropped dead last night while calling at the home of John W. Hogan, former Deputy Attorney-General. The firm built the famous Sault Ste. Mario lock. 1,200 feet long, at a cost of \$1,500,000. The Government contracts the firm has had have averaged \$1,000,000 a year. Mr. Hughes was always active in Democratic city and State politics, but had always refused office. He leaves a fortune estimated at \$1,000,000.

Jacob M. Jennings, a veteran newsdealer of Plainfield, died yesterday, aged 70. In early life he was a shoemaker, and used to travel to New York in a stage to sell his goods. Charles P. Fischer, a merchant, formerly of Havana, died of pneumonia yesterday after two days' lilness, at his residence, 316 Fifth avenue. He was in his seventy-sixth year. **AMETHYSTS**

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Twelve Men Who Were Throwing the Dice on a Pool Table Arrested and Fined.

Detective Bissert and a squad of policemen from the Fifth street station raided the candy store and pool parlor at 34 East Eleventh street at 2 o'clock yesterday morning and arrested twelve Italians for gambling. Complaints were made at the station house that the Italians were making so much noise that the neighbors could not sleep.

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The men were gathered about a pool table in a rear room. When the door was opened to let one of the men out, the policemen rushed in. There was an immediate scramble for the money, which was on the pool table. Bissert succeeded in getting 54 cents and four dice. When the prisoners were arraigned in the Yorkville Court yesterday the detective told Magistrate Kudiich that the Italians were playing craps and that the game had been going on every Saturday night for some time, but the policemen had been unable to get into the store. Antonio Venaro and Joseph Carra, the alleged proprietors of the place, were held in \$500 bail each for trial. The other men were fined \$3 each.

The storm which started eastward over the lake regions passed into Canada yesterday and left gen erally fair weather over all the country. The pressure was high, except in the Northeast, and there it was rising. It was warmer in all sections, except in the west Gulf States and in the lake regions and middle Atlantic States, where it was cooler in the morning. Fair weather now seems probable day or two, as there are no storms moving this way, The temperature will remain moderate, In this city yesterday it was fair; highest tempera

ture 40°, lowest 26°; average humidity #1 per cent. wind westerly, average velocity twelve miles an hour; barometer, corrected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M. 30.20, 3 P. M. 30:26. The temperature as recorded by the official ther

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colder, with a cold wave in central and eastern por-tions; fresh to brisk northerly winds. For western Pennsylvania, increasing cloudiness and probably rain or snow Monday afternoon; colder; fresh to brisk northerly winds.

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